

Whatcom County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

Primary Election – August 6, 2013

Dear Voters,

This Primary ballot, while being shorter and not involving every citizen in Whatcom County, is of primary importance to those jurisdictions with candidates up for consideration. The City of Bellingham Council At-Large, City of Blaine Council Ward 2 Position 4, and Bellingham School District 501 Director Position 4 races need your serious consideration. Don't shortchange them.

This pamphlet will provide you with important voting information as well as candidate information for those races on the ballot. The election will determine which candidates move forward to the general election. Every election is important and every vote counts! When you get your ballot, vote it promptly and return it early. You can post it for mailing or drop it at the drop sites indicated. The more ballots returned early, the larger the results we can report on election night.

Sincerely,



Debbie Adelstein
Whatcom County Auditor



Participating Jurisdictions:

City of Bellingham Council At-Large; City of Blaine Council Ward 2; Bellingham School District 501. Published by the Whatcom County Auditor's Office: www.whatcomcounty.us/auditor

Sample Ballot

Whatcom County, Washington

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Not all districts on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the district that you're entitled to vote on will appear.

TO VOTE: Use blue or black ink. Do not use a felt tip pen or pencil. Use a single line between the Head and Tail of the arrow that points to your choice.

Example: 

HOW TO CHANGE A VOTE: Draw a line through the incorrect choice. You have the option of making another choice.

Example: ~~John Doe~~

WRITE-IN: To vote for a person not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the person on the line provided.

Voting for more than one candidate per office will cancel that vote.

























Who donates to campaigns?

View contributors for candidates and measures

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www.pdc.wa.gov

Toll Free (877) 601-2828

City of Bellingham	
Council At-Large	
Nonpartisan 2 Year Term	Vote For One
Bob Burr	 
Allen Brown	 
Roxanne Murphy	 
Write-In	 
City of Blaine	
Council Ward 2, Position 4	
Nonpartisan 4 Year Term	Vote For One
Charlie Hawkins	 
Brian Thomasson	 
David Gallion	 
Write-In	 
Bellingham School District 501	
Director Position 4	
Nonpartisan 4 Year Term	Vote For One
John H. Blethen	 
Hue Beattie	 
Steven Smith	 
Write-In	 

Voter Information

How can I register to vote?

Washington offers three ways to register to vote:

- Online at **www.myvote.wa.gov** (if you have a current WA State driver's license or current WA State I.D. card)
- By Mail*
- In person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division

When is the last day I can register to vote?

Mail-in or online registrations must be postmarked or received no later than 29 days before an election in order to vote in *that* election.

If you are not registered to vote in the State of Washington, register in person at the Election Division of the Auditor's Office no later than 8 days before an election.

What do I need to do to change my name?

Choose one of the following options:

- Online at **www.myvote.wa.gov**
- Complete an update form in person at the Auditor's Office
- Complete a new voter registration form*

How do I change my mailing *and/or* residence address?

Updating your record is easy!

Address Change *Within* Whatcom County

Choose **one** of the following options:

- Online at **www.myvote.wa.gov**
- Call the Auditor's Office, Election Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555
- E-mail the Auditor's Office at: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form to the Whatcom County Auditor's Office*

Address Change *Outside* Whatcom County

Choose **one** of the following options:

- Online at **www.myvote.wa.gov**
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form to your county of residence*

***Registration forms are available at city halls and libraries. You may also call the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555 to have a form mailed to you.**

Questions?

Call the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Election Division (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Mon. – Fri., 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

or E-mail: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us

Additional Voter Information is Available at:

www.whatcomcounty.us/auditor



An accessible voting unit (AVU) is federally required. It is equipped with visual and audio technology that allows voters with impaired vision and/or physical disabilities to vote a secret ballot. The AVU is an accurate and secure way to vote.

Where: Whatcom County Auditor's Office
Whatcom County Courthouse
311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham

When: July 19 – August 5: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
August 6, Election Day: 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Accessible Voting Unit



Bob Burr

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience: President, CCS, International. Several elected offices in Democratic Party before it compromised its values, Currently elected Treasurer of, and endorsed by, the Green Party of Whatcom County.

Other Professional Experience: VP in charge of Research and Development for large East-Coast Fortune 500 Company before retiring to Bellingham in 1995.

Owner of Bellingham-based, national research and consulting business from 1996 to 2007.

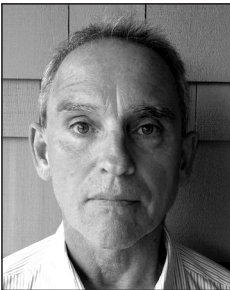
Education: Psychology Undergraduate studies/degree at UC Berkeley; Graduate at Claremont Graduate University.

Community Service: Police Selection Board--City of Los Angeles. Numerous activist/leadership roles in environmental/human rights/civic/peace/justice/LGBT/women's and government/ political reform organizations.

Statement: I am not a wishy-washy, double speak, contribution-subservient, party-controlled, value-deprived politician. I am the one candidate who will tell you to get your heads out of the sand and deal with the climate crisis reality.. I oppose coal--no ands, ifs or buts. I oppose coal transport/coal export and the Cherry Point terminal. When 10,000+ Bellingham voters sign a Community Bill of Rights initiative and the City sues, blocking your very right to vote, that is simply unacceptable. And, so I run.

Because of what I will sponsor, a vote for Bob Burr is a vote for the following: a coal-free Bellingham; a fracking-free Bellingham; a surveillance-drone free Bellingham; partial public financing of City elections; a working, living wage waterfront rather than a waterfront for the wealthy; a rental-housing inspection program; a city friendlier to deal with; a reservoir (Lake Whatcom) that is actually protected; a city which listens better to its large student population; and a City that speaks out on State, National and Planetary issues. I want your vote, but not your money. No contibutions accepted, Vote for Change, Vote for Bob Burr!

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Allen Brown

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: Fire Captain/Paramedic 34 yrs. experience. Retired from Miami-Dade Fire Rescue. Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Community Mental Health and Public Safety Support Services. Cardiovascular product specialist Boehringer-Manheim, Centocor. Building and Fire Prevention Code Instructor: Bergen Community College and Miami-Dade Community College.

Tai-Chi Instructor: North Broward Hospital District.

Education: B.S. Fire Safety: Jersey City State College 1977. M.S. Clinical Psychology: Barry University 1987. Graduate work in Psychology and Philosophy: New School for Social Research. Industrial Hygiene: New York University

Community Service: 5 Years Volunteer First Aid. Red Cross Instructor. Critical Incident Stress Management. Medical Reserve Corps of Whatcom County

Statement: I am not a career politician. Presently retired, I was a public servant and Licensed Mental Health Counselor. I am a husband and a son. I am running because I want the young people of Bellingham to have the same opportunities that I had while growing up. I want the business person and the retiree to have an alternative voice in politics. As long as the same career politicians continue representing us, we will continue losing jobs and gaining debt.

My three main goals will be jobs, public safety and rational environmental advocacy. I will work to reduce over-regulation of business, assure an optimal emergency response capability and be a friend to nature.

My family grew up poor. My parents never had a house loan. They saved. My parents never had a car loan. They saved. I never had a college loan. I worked. If the City managed your personal finances, you would fire them.

We are going through the toghest economic times that I have seen. We need strong protections for our environment but we still need to eat. If elected, I will serve the people of Bellingham and not the special interests or party machines.

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Roxanne Murphy

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience: I'm working to earn this seat on Bellingham City Council.

Other Professional Experience: Eighth Generation Member of the Nooksack Indian Tribe and Assistant Administrator with the Nooksack Tribal Government. Award-winning Community Relations Specialist, City of Tacoma, Economic Development Department. Community Outreach Specialist, Woodland Park Zoo. Communications

Representative, Weyerhaeuser Company.

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Communications, Central Washington University. Master's Degree in Public Administration, The Evergreen State College.

Community Service: Advocating for and supporting Bellingham's small, locally-owned businesses. Improving neighborhood safety on G Street. Promoting cycling as a member of the Mount Baker Bicycle Club and a competitor in local races. Reducing my own carbon footprint.

Statement: I'm running for City Council because I believe in Bellingham and I'm committed to preserving and improving the quality of life in this place we call home.

Throughout my career, I've worked to connect citizens with their government and I'll bring that passion and experience to the job of protecting Lake Whatcom, redeveloping our waterfront and downtown, supporting Bellingham's businesses, and keeping streets safe.

As an avid outdoor enthusiast, I'll also support the tremendous recreational opportunities here.

I maintain a unique set of strengths for this Council job. I currently serve as an Assistant Administrator for my Nooksack Tribal Government, focusing on supervising staff, shaping policies and creating community outreach. I hold a master's degree in public administration, and I have the strongest background in improving local government.

I've been endorsed by the Whatcom County Democrats, Washington Conservation Voters, Bellingham City Councilmembers Seth Fleetwood and Cathy Lehman and many Bellingham business and community leaders.

Every week, I work to increase the livelihood and well-being of my Nooksack tribal members. Now, I'm asking for your support so I can use all of these experiences to improve the quality of life in Bellingham for *you* and every single person in *your* tribe.

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Charlie Hawkins

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience: 2 terms on Blaine City Council.

Other Professional Experience: 35 years fishing in Puget Sound and Alaska on gillnetters, purse seiners, fish tenders and crab boats, operated a local cafe and I now work as a bus driver for Blaine School District.

Education: In 1964 I graduated from Blaine HS and attended Skagit Valley College and WWU.

Community Service: As a life long Blaine resident I have volunteered at Good Samaritan Society - Stafholt, and Blaine Giving Tree. I have been a member of the Drayton Harbor Shellfish Board and worked with the Port of Bellingham Advisory Board, Stormwater Commitee, and the Blaine Park Board.

Statement: The responsibility of the Blaine City Council members is to represent the people in their Ward, and the city as whole.

As a Council member I will continue to make decisions in the best interest of the city of Blaine. I will strive to bring economic stability. I will focus on the issues that matter most. I will make it my goal to preserve our small town integrity while preparing us for the future.

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Brian Thomasson

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience: This is my first time running for public office.

Other Professional Experience: I have worked in the real estate industry for the last three years; first as a property manager, and currently as a real estate broker/consultant with Keller Williams Realty.

Education: Graduated from Western Washington University in 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Sociology and with a minor in Business Administration.

Community Service: I have been involved with and served at Hillcrest Chapel for the last nine years volunteering different capacities. Other volunteer activities have included Project Homeless Connect, visiting senior centers and manual labor for community projects.

Statement: I am thrilled to have this opportunity to represent you, my Blaine community, on City Council. My biggest desire in serving on City Council is to give my time and energy in contribution to this beautiful city that I love to call home. I am eager to get this city excited about potential developments for our town and am looking forward to partnering and strategizing with the council and our community to see these goals come to fruition. One of my strongest assets is my keen sense of entrepreneurship and business dynamics, and I want to use this strength to explore how we can work together to grow and strengthen the small business community of Blaine. I am confident that my zeal and fresh perspective on matters in this city will go far and with all sincerity, I hope that you will grant me this opportunity to serve you on Blaine City Council.

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David Gallion

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience: No information submitted.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted.

Education: No information submitted.

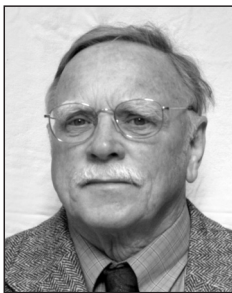
Community Service: Currently the Chairperson of City of Blaine Planning Commission, In my second term. Currently a Board Member and Past President of the FOBL, (friends of Blaine Library), City of Blaine, WA. Long time active member of the, “friendly visitors” program, Bellingham, WA.

Statement: My name is David Gallion; I’m running for Blaine, WA. City Council Seat, Ward 2, Position 4. I ask for your consideration, I believe my experience and ongoing Community Services is exactly what Blaine needs today.

I understand, Blaine Municipal Codes, Blaine’s Comprehensive plan, our Vision and Master plans for Blaine, I am very comfortable in running Public Hearings with success and explaining to the public how our city runs. I will not need to be trained to be a City Council member! I will go to work on day one!

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Bellingham School District 501 Director Position 4



John H. Blethen

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience: Chaired Bellingham food co-operative, President Fairhaven Neighbors, three time board chair both Parks Board and the Greenways Committee

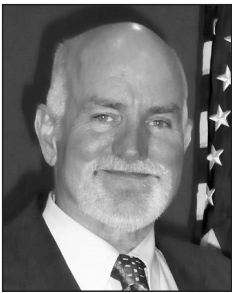
Other Professional Experience: Owner new Whatcom Interiors, Building Industry Association; Co-chair of the Larrabee PTA

Education: BA Antioch College, MED in industrial Arts WWU.

Community Service: Helped plan the original Bellingham Food Co-op, Served on Mayors Advisory; the original greenways Committee. Co- chaired the last Greenways levy. Six years Parks Committee, 14 years Greenways Committee . Ten years Waterfront Visioning Committee; Bay Foundation; Waterfront Advisory Committee. Served PTA at Larrabee School. Built community gardens and trails: active in the Farmer’s market and a Resources “Environmental Hero”.

Statement: Developing community has been John Blethen’s lifetime focus. Through working with his neighborhood, following his kids from elementary through high school, laying down parks and open space, working on the waterfront, John has listened to what our community’s aspirations. John’s formal background in education makes him sensitive to the educational needs of our community. His business ,construction and practical background are valuable assets. John knows that we need neighborhood schools, that are walk able, and schools, that engage students, teachers, parents and neighborhoods. John knows that we need to get kids out of school buses for a lot of reasons ideally walking our wonderful greenways trail system to school He knows that we need schools that fit our community not schools given to us by “professionals”. Economics are important but more important are schools that fit our community. We must have a discussion about the future of our schools and John pledges to make sure that a transparent discussion happens. Schools are not about tests but about preparing our kids for the future. Let us make sure we get that vision right.

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Hue Beattie

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience: Precinct Committee Officer; Whatcom County (WC) Charter Review Board

Other Professional Experience: United States Navy Submarine Service, 1965 - 1973; 20 years self-employed Certified Professional Locksmith; Laboratory Technician; Vista Organizer; WC Democrats

Education: General Science and Elementary Education at WWSC/ WWU; Political Science at Harvard; Marine Science at University of Guam

Community Service: 40 year resident; WC Redistricting Commission; Bellingham Mayor’s Community Development Advisory Board; WC Democratic State Committeeman; Bellingham Community Gardens, Master Gardener; Bellingham Farmers Market Board; Happy Valley Neighborhood Improvement Association; Vice Chair 40th Legislative District Democrats

Statement: Our School Board decided large schools are more efficient to administer. Hue Beattie believes small schools produce higher quality education, that students of smaller schools acquire better social skills and achieve better post-graduate results.

Hue has long worked to build walkable neighborhoods and healthy communities. He believes smaller neighborhood schools are more consistent with our City’s Comprehensive Plan and that neighborhood-based planning must precede closing or remodeling of schools.

Hue’s long experience in Democratic process assures he will represent his constituents, not rubber stamp for the administration. Hue will listen to and act upon his constituents’ concerns, not ignore them.

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Steven Smith

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience: Bellingham School District, Director, 4 years

Other Professional Experience: Twenty years as an accounting instructor - 14 years at WWU. Twenty-seven years of accounting and finance experience.

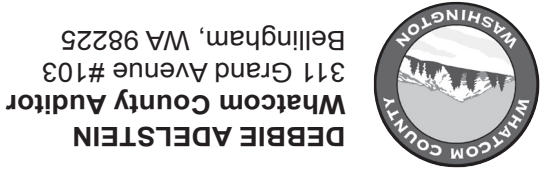
Education: BBA Accounting, Iowa State University; M.S. Accounting, Oklahoma State University; Ph.D. Accounting, Arizona State University

Community Service: Bellingham Public Schools Foundation, ex officio

Statement: Our schools should be places that our children are safe to explore new ideas, inspired to reach their highest potential, and provide a multi-faceted education. Each child should have an education that enhances their unique strengths, which means that the curriculum should provide a solid foundation and yet be flexible enough to meet individual student needs. Arts and music education help students develop creative thinking. Self-confidence and a strong work ethic provide students with *structural integrity*, so that when failures occur students are able to learn from them and carry on. Working together - educators, parents, and community - we can provide a quality education to all students. If you reelect me as your school board member, I will continue to seek your counsel, listen to your concerns, approach issues with an open mind, and work to make Bellingham’s schools centers for academic excellence for all children.

My core beliefs for public education: A strong foundation in reading, writing, and math is imperative; Students must learn strategies to solve complex problems; Sometimes, learning requires a strong work ethic, perseverance and uninterrupted concentration; Quality teachers, staff and administrators are the most important asset of the school district.

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If You Don't Receive Your Ballot
by Friday, July 26, contact the Election Division:

Phone: (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
E-Mail: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us

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Returning Your Ballot:

By Mail

1st class postage is required. Your ballot envelope must be postmarked by Election Day, August 6. The post office suggests mailing your ballot no later than Monday, August 5, for it to arrive on time. **OR**

Save a Stamp; Use a Drop Box

You can drop your ballot off as soon as you vote at one of the following ballot drop sites (no postage required).

Whatcom County Auditor's Office

Whatcom County Courthouse
311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham, WA
HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Election Day Only: 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Courthouse Drive-Up Ballot Drop Box



South courthouse parking lot
Accessible from Grand Avenue only
201 Grand Avenue, Bellingham

OPEN: Friday, July 19
8:00 p.m. Election Day, August 6

Blaire Library Drop Box

610 3rd St.

OPEN: Friday, July 19
8:00 p.m. Election Day, August 6



Washington State Law Prohibits Ballots Deposited After 8:00 p.m. on Election Day From Being Counted.